



## **IEN Program Resource Advisory Council (IPRAC)**

### **February 21, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

*(Approved by committee on June 11, 2013)*

The February 21, 2013 meeting of the IEN Program Resource Advisory Council was held in the Basement Conference Room of the LBJ Building, 650 West State Street, Boise, Idaho.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Members/Alternate(s) Present:**

Teresa Luna (Vice Chair), Director, Department of Administration  
Dr. Jerry Reininger, Director of Information Systems, Meridian School District  
Rep. Darrell Bolz, Vice Chair, Joint Finance & Appropriations Committee  
Sen. John Goedde, Chairman, Senate Education Committee  
Dr. John Miller, Dean of Off-Campus Instruction, College of Southern Idaho  
Rep. Reed DeMordaunt, Chairman, House of Representatives Education Committee  
*Alternate* Alex MacDonald, State Department of Education  
*Alternate* Laural Nelson, Idaho Digital Learning Academy

##### **Absent Members**

Tom Luna (Chair), Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Shelly Sayer, VP of Finance, Premier Technology, Inc.  
Jay Larsen, Executive Director, Idaho Technology Council  
Sen. Shawn Keough, Vice Chair, Joint Finance & Appropriations Committee  
Cheryl Charlton, Chief Executive Officer, Idaho Digital Learning Academy

##### **Others Present:**

Julie Best, IEN	Kristin Magruder, IEN
Sally Brevick, Office of the CIO	Garry Lough, ENA
Michael Bartz, IEN	Robin Finch, Department of Administration
Mike Costa, IEN	Keith Reynolds, Department of Administration
Brady Kraft, IEN	Greg Zickau, Office of the CIO

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION: Rep. Bolz moved and Sen. Goedde seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2012 meeting as presented; the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Dr. Reininger reported that the Technical Committee had discussed the continued growth of the IEN, with COSSA Academy being the next location to be connected. Bandwidth monitoring has proven successful and cost-effective in providing the right amount for each location. Neighboring states pay for total network capacity, while the IEN pays for usage only.

#### **CONNECTIVITY REPORT**

Mr. Kraft outlined that the IEN currently serves 215 high schools, which have been connected for one full year together. Two new schools have recently become eligible for connection, and the process of E-Rate funding has begun, with an anticipated connection date of July.

#### **BUDGET**

Mr. Kraft provided a brief update of the current budget status, details are available in the December 2012 IEN Quarterly Report, located [here](#).

### Questions and discussion

Dr. Miller brought up the question of how the IEN was handling the issue of installing additional VTC units in secondary schools. Mr. Kraft explained how the IEN was planning to use the Innovation Awards program to fund the installation process. He went on to comment on how he was also working actively with Polycom and CenturyLink to secure additional grant money to fund future installations.

### **COMMUNICATIONS REPORT**

Ms. Best provided highlights, including the selection of Twin Falls teacher Jason Torgimson to present at the United States Distance Learning Conference for his innovative curriculum offered over the IEN. Feedback from the schools that he is providing Java and Android Programming courses to has been very positive.

In addition to academic courses, new content is becoming available over the IEN. The Legislative Services Office is collaborating with the IEN to provide virtual tours of The Capitol Building. Other virtual content, such as the Anatomy and Physiology Lab, is being developed for the future.

The Idaho Digital Learning Academy, which serves as the origination point for certain IEN courses such as speech and calculus, continues to be the model for distance education. Teachers who are interested in using the IEN have visited it and viewed course delivery methodology.

Numbers and data from the fall 2012 semester are included in the December 2012 IEN Quarterly Report, located [here](#).

Classes offered over the IEN remained predominately dual-credit, with an increase in core courses noticed in newer consortiums such as Bonneville School District and Cassia County.

### **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**

The meeting adjourned at 4:53 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2013, at 1:30 pm in the Lewis and Clark Room of the LBJ Building, 650 West State Street, Boise, Idaho.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Bartz  
Idaho Education Network